IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims are set forth below. Cancelled and withdrawn claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (previously amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously added), (reinstated - formerly claim #), (previously reinstated), (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #) or, (previously re-presented). Please AMEND claims 2, 12, 16 and 20 in accordance with the following:

1. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

a registered commodity data storing unit storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

a unit changing a price if the information about the change condition or the change price, which is registered to said registered commodity data storing unit, is satisfied.

2. **(currently amended)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

a registered commodity data storing unit storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

a searching unit searching for <u>at least one of</u> a desired price ~~or~~ and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating the commodity, and for a desired price and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing unit.

3. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

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a registered commodity data storing unit storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

a searching unit obtaining a registered sale or purchase request corresponding to a sale or purchase request by searching for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to the purchase request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, and for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to the sale request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing unit.

4. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

a registered commodity data storing unit storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

a searching unit obtaining a registered sale or purchase request corresponding to a designated desired price by searching for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, and for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing unit.

5. **(original)** The electronic commerce system according to claim 4, further comprising a purchase and sale information managing unit concluding a transaction of the registered sale or purchase request, which is obtained by said searching unit.

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6. **(original)** The electronic commerce system according to claim 2, wherein the change condition of the desired price is a purchase or a sale of a different commodity, a purchase or sale amount of a corresponding commodity, a payment method, or a delivery of the commodity.

7. **(original)** The electronic commerce system according to claim 3, wherein the change condition of the desired price is a purchase or a sale of a different commodity, a purchase or sale amount of a corresponding commodity, a payment method, or a delivery of the commodity.

8. **(original)** The electronic commerce system according to claim 4, wherein the change condition of the desired price is a purchase or a sale of a different commodity, a purchase or sale amount of a corresponding commodity, a payment method, or a delivery of the commodity.

9. **(original)** The electronic commerce system according to claim 2, further comprising a unit displaying a transaction partner that sets a transaction condition and a transaction partner that does not set a transaction condition by making a distinction between the transaction partners, when transaction partners searched by said searching unit are listed and displayed.

10. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a. purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

a registered commodity data storing unit storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a condition changing the desired sale or purchase price depending on a time; and

a unit changing a desired price of the commodity when a time stored in said registered commodity data storing unit elapses.

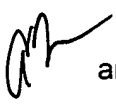11. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

a registered commodity data storing unit storing information about a sale or purchase desire of a commodity along with a public condition; and

a unit making the sale or purchase desire of the commodity public if the public condition stored in said registered commodity data storing unit is satisfied.

12. (**currently amended**) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to perform a process aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, said process comprising:

storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

searching for <u>at least one of</u> a desired price ~~or~~ and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating the commodity, and for a desired price and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating the commodity, in stored registered commodity information.

13. (**original**) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to perform a process aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, said process comprising:

storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a condition changing the desired sale or purchase price depending on a time; and

changing a desired price of the commodity when a stored time elapses.

14. (**original**) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to perform a process aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, said process comprising:

storing information about a sale or purchase desire of a commodity along with a public condition; and

making the sale or purchase desire of the commodity public if the stored public condition is satisfied.

15. (**original**) An electronic commerce method aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity in an electronic commerce system, comprising:

storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

changing a price if the information about the change condition or the change price in the stored information is satisfied.

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16. **(currently amended)** An electronic commerce method aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity in an electronic commerce system, comprising:

storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

searching for <u>at least one of</u> a desired price ~~or~~ and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating the commodity, and for a desired price and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating the commodity, in the stored information.

17. **(original)** An electronic commerce method aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity in an electronic commerce system, comprising:

storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

obtaining a registered sale or purchase request corresponding to a sale or purchase request by searching for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to the purchase request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, and for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to the sale request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, in the stored information.

18. **(original)** An electronic commerce method aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity in an electronic commerce system, comprising:

storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

obtaining a registered sale or purchase request corresponding to a designated desired price by searching for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a

transaction of the commodity, and for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing unit.

19. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

registered commodity data storing means for storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

means for changing a price if the information about the change condition or the change price, which is registered to said registered commodity data storing means, is satisfied.

20. **(currently amended)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

registered commodity data storing means for storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

searching means for searching for at least one of a desired price or-and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating the commodity, and for a desired price and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing means.

21. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

registered commodity data storing means for storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of the desired sale or purchase price; and

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searching means for obtaining a registered sale or purchase request corresponding to a sale or purchase request by searching for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to the purchase request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, and for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to the sale request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing means.

22. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of commodity, comprising:

registered commodity data storing means for storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a change condition and a change price of he desired sale or purchase price; and

searching means for obtaining a registered sale or purchase request corresponding to a designated desired price by searching for a desired price and a change condition of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a sale of a designated commodity in response to a purchase request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, and for a desired price and a change condition, of the desired price of a transaction partner that registers a purchase of a designated commodity in response to a sale request designating a desired price of a commodity and a condition which can be satisfied in a transaction of the commodity, in registered commodity information stored in said registered commodity data storing means.

23. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

registered commodity data storing means for storing a desired sale or purchase price of a commodity, and information about a condition changing the desired sale or purchase price depending on a time; and

means for changing a desired price of the commodity when a time stored in said registered commodity data storing means elapses.

24. **(original)** An electronic commerce system aiding in a purchase and a sale of a commodity, comprising:

registered commodity data storing means for storing information about a sale or purchase desire of a commodity along with a public condition; and

means for making the sale or purchase desire of the commodity public if the public condition stored in said registered commodity data storing means is satisfied